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often cumbersome groups, thereby facilitating their study and arrangement. At intervals throughout the work forty-seven new genera are described, while the original descriptions of new species aggregate more than three hundred. Pages 1321-1325 are devoted to an appendix, and contain a number of descriptions of plants discovered within the range during the several years the book was in press, together with a few corrections. The remaining pages are devoted to a list of the genera and species published in the volume, a tabulated list of the orders and families and a copious index.

By the advent of this book, which so completely sets forth the most recent botanical knowledge of an area of almost 650,000 square miles, the cause of southern botany has received an impulse that has long been needed.

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NEWS ITEMS

Dr. D. T. MacDougal returned on July 29 from a month's visit to the island of Jamaica.

W. H. Pearson, Esq., of Park Crescent, Victoria Park, Manchester, England, desires to find a purchaser for set No. 4 of Spruce's "*Hepaticae Amazonicae et Andinae*."

Dr. J. N. Rose, assistant curator, Division of Plants, of the U. S. National Museum, is having a botanical outing in Mexico. He was expecting to reach the City of Mexico about August 20.

Miss Anna Murray Vail, librarian of the New York Botanical Garden, returned on August 4 after a three months' absence in Europe, bringing with her five or six hundred volumes for the library of the Garden.

Mr. J. A. Shafer, custodian of the herbarium of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg, spent the last two or three weeks of July at the New York Botanical Garden, engaged in studying the collections recently made by him in Cuba.

Mr. George V. Nash, head gardener of the New York Botanical Garden, sailed for Haiti on July 25 with the intent of spending several weeks in making botanical collections there. He is

accompanied by Mr. Harry Baker of the Garden. Mr. A. E. Casse, manager of a plantation near Cape Haitien, is to coöperate with the party.

The "Flora of Pennsylvania" by Thomas Conrad Porter, D.D., LL.D., late professor of botany in Lafayette College, was issued on August 15. John Kunkel Small, Ph.D., curator of the museums and herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden, has edited the work and supplied keys to the orders, families, genera and species. The general distribution of each species is given and the distribution by counties in Pennsylvania. The work forms an octavo volume of 362 pages. Ginn & Co., of New York and Boston, are the publishers.

We regret to note in recent newspapers announcements of the death of the following American botanists: Mr. Isaac Holden, of Bridgeport, Conn., well known as a student of the algae; Hamilton G. Timberlake, assistant professor of botany in the University of Wisconsin; Dr. A. Gattinger, of Nashville, Tenn., author of "The Flora of Tennessee and a Philosophy of Botany"; Hamilton L. Smith, LL.D., formerly professor of physics and astronomy in Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., author of important papers on the diatoms; Mr. Charles J. Sprague, for many years curator of the herbarium of the Boston Society of Natural History and a student of lichens and fungi; and Miss Sadie F. Price, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, author of "The Fern-Collector's Handbook and Herbarium," "Flora of Warren County, Kentucky," etc.